

Pennington County Extension Board Meeting
May 6, 2025 – 6:30 PM In Person

The Pennington County Extension Board met on May 6, 2025, at the Walter Taylor Building. Odden called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM with the following board members present in Person Patty Brunner, Heather Chambliss, John James, Matt Odden, Tyler Myers, Kim Suckow, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Jane Amiotte 4-H Youth Program Advisor, and Gary Drewes Pennington County Commissioner. Lexi Foster and her Dad as public/youth members.

Note that while 4-H Staff attended they are not appointed to the Extension Board and did not vote on matters presented to the Extension Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge were recited

Approval of Agenda

Drewes Moved to approve the agenda. 2nd by Myers. Motion Passed

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by James and seconded by Brunner. Motion passed.

Review Vouchers

Vouchers viewed by the members present. Matt Odden reviewed and approved prior to the meeting, and they are available at the 4-H office if needed.

Budget Update

2025- On Track. Office Staff to compile a wish list in an event of excess funds to use
2026- Similar to 2025 with a few changes due to cost of living expenses and contracts.

Old Business

- Promotion in “Back to School Edition” of the Black Hills Family Magazine- Releases Late August
 - Chambliss moved to host an ad, James seconded Motion passed
 - There will be a contest for the design, Entry’s will be due July 1st, 2025.

New Business

- Ag and Natural Resources
 - Next meeting 5/8/25 at the WREA Building starting at 11:30 am with lunch and the presentation to start at 11:45 am.
- Kim’s Report – Presented to board and a hardcopy was provided. Can be found attached.
- Jane’s Report – Presented to board and a hardcopy was provided. Can be found attached.

Mission Moment

- Committee represents all aspects of the county and brings with them different experiences. Members should also be knowledgeable about youth in their community including problems, interests, ideas to solve issues, and available resources. This makes the committee an invaluable resource to program planning of the county 4-H program.
- Work to identify human resources in the community that can assist with varying components of the 4-H program (e.g., local chef to assist in coaching the Special Foods Contestants).
- Arrange special features in local media (i.e., newspapers, radio, and television) to promote 4-H throughout the year.

- Assist in identifying barriers of entry for youth into 4-H programs and find solutions.

Youth Voice

- Lexi Foster and her dad attended this meeting. Lexi talked about what activities she is involved in and how she had done at various events.

Public Comment

- No public present at meeting.

Next Meeting:

- Budget meeting and Commission Budget hearing in June
- September 23, 2025
- November 4, 2025

Adjourn

Motioned by James to adjourn at 8:07 pm, seconded by Drewes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Heather Chambliss Pennington County Extension Board Member